

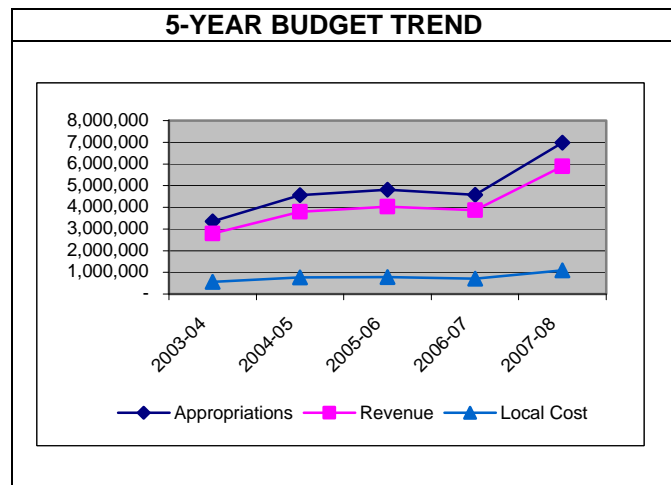
Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

This federal program was implemented January 1, 2000. It provides a subsidy to children who leave the juvenile court dependency system to live with a relative legal guardian. It offers relative caregivers of dependent children a new option for providing a permanent home to these children. To be eligible for the program, the child must have lived with the relative at least 12 consecutive months, the relative guardianship must be established pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 366.26, and the juvenile court dependency for the child must be dismissed. Movement to the Kin-GAP program is not automatic. The court, with a recommendation from the social worker, has discretion regarding whether termination of dependency is in the child's best interest.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

BUDGET HISTORY



PERFORMANCE HISTORY

	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Modified Budget	2006-07 Actual
Appropriation	3,394,039	3,797,586	3,988,895	4,575,538	4,449,022
Departmental Revenue	2,870,851	3,248,975	3,459,945	3,868,452	3,737,015
Local Cost	523,188	548,611	528,950	707,086	712,007

Expenditures were \$126,516 less than budget due to lower caseload growth. Although the number of cases in 2006-07 was 6.5% higher than the prior year, 2006-07 caseload was 2% lower than budget. Fewer children entered the program than was projected when the budget was prepared.

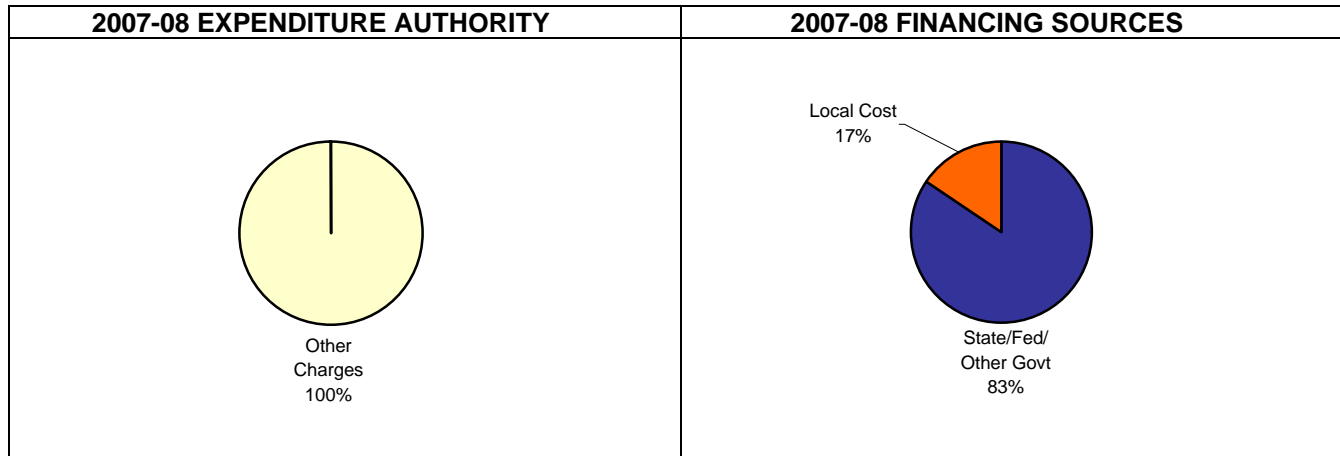
In March 2007, the state implemented an enhancement to this program, KinGAP Plus. One of the benefits of this enhancement is a clothing allowance, which is funded 50% by the state and 50% by the counties. The first clothing allowance was issued in June 2007. This resulted in an additional local cost requirement of \$31,050, which was not included in the 2006-07 final budget. Despite lower caseload growth and lower average grant payments, which would have reduced local cost by \$26,129, KinGAP realized an overall local cost increase of \$4,921 due to the additional expenditures for the clothing allowance.

Although local cost exceeded target by \$4,921, there were sufficient local cost savings in other HS Subsistence budget units to allow HS to remain within its overall local cost targets.

This program was funded approximately 83% from federal/state sources. The remaining 17% mandated local share was funded by the county general fund.



ANALYSIS OF FINAL BUDGET



GROUP: Human Services
DEPARTMENT: Kinship Guardianship Asst Program
FUND: General

BUDGET UNIT: AAB KIN
FUNCTION: Public Assistance
ACTIVITY: Aid Programs

	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2006-07 Final Budget	2007-08 Final Budget	Change From 2006-07 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Other Charges	3,394,039	3,797,586	3,988,895	4,449,022	4,575,538	6,984,009	2,408,471
Total Appropriation	3,394,039	3,797,586	3,988,895	4,449,022	4,575,538	6,984,009	2,408,471
Departmental Revenue							
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	2,826,681	3,205,052	3,403,407	3,687,046	3,843,452	5,866,566	2,023,114
Current Services	44,170	43,923	56,538	49,969	25,000	30,000	5,000
Total Revenue	2,870,851	3,248,975	3,459,945	3,737,015	3,868,452	5,896,566	2,028,114
Local Cost	523,188	548,611	528,950	712,007	707,086	1,087,443	380,357

Other charges of \$7.0 million represent subsidies paid to relative caregivers of children who leave the juvenile court dependency system to live with a relative legal guardian.

The state has implemented a new KinGap program, KinGap Plus (AB1808), the effects of which began to show in 2006-07. This enhancement includes a Specialized Care Increment (SCI) and clothing allowances for children. The additional costs of these enhancements and projected caseload growth are detailed as follows:

- It is estimated that approximately 300 cases currently in Foster Care will be deemed eligible to receive a SCI and will, subsequently, transfer to KinGap. The SCI will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the needs of the eligible child. The current average amount for SCI is \$381 per eligible case per month. This could increase expenditures in KinGap by \$742,950 in 2007-08 resulting in \$118,872 additional local cost.
- All children in KinGap will now be eligible to receive the same clothing allowance as they would in Foster Care. This will be approximately \$355 per year, per case, which could increase expenditures in KinGap by \$284,229 resulting in \$45,477 additional local cost.
- The average grant costs of \$383/month for the additional 300 new cases detailed above and an additional 4 cases per month (based on historical growth trends) are projected to be approximately \$1,381,292 resulting in \$216,008 additional local cost.

The combined effects of these changes could result in a total local cost increase of \$380,357. Projected local cost savings in other subsistence budget units will be used to offset this increase in local cost in an effort to keep overall HS Subsistence budget units within local cost targets for 2007-08.

